1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3	Institute of Post Graduate Teaching and Research, Jamnagar	6.00	5.84	6.20	6.03	6.70	6.15	14.29
4.	Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth, New Delhi	0.43	0.54	0.85	0.78	0.79	0.72	1.25
5.	NIS, Chennai	4.00	4.75	5.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	8.00
	TOTAL:	49.26	56.70	63.21	61.15	68.18	70.08	98.11

Statement-III

Funds released to States in schemes of Department of AYUSH for promotion of AYUSH Systems

(Amount in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds released year-wise 2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Provision 2007-08 BE
1.	Development of Institutions	28.24	34.94	26.86	47.00
2.	Scheme for AYUSH Hospital and Dispensaries	38.30	119.15	135.76	120.00
3.	Drugs Quality Control	11.33	18.13	12.39	10.00
4.	National Board for Medicinal Plants	27.55	34.92	44.94	80.00

Contract Farming

*127. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of contract farming in operation and cases of corporate farming in Maharashtra; and

(b) what are the steps taken to set up a strong system to monitor contracts, so as to avoid exploitation of the workers/growers/farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The State Government of Maharashtra has informed that no cases of contract farming have been registered in the State so far under the provision of Contract Farming introduced with effect from 11th July, 2006 by amending the Maharashtra State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1963. Since corporate farming does not come in the purview of Maharashtra State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1963 and it is not being promoted under the contract farming arrangements, no information is being maintained by the State Government in this regard.

(b) Under the provisions of Contract Farming in the Maharashtra State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1963, various terms and conditions, which are to be adhered while entering into Contract Farming Agreements, are as under:

1. Contract Farming Sponsor shall register himself with the Market Committee or with the prescribed officer, in such manner as prescribed under the Rules.
2. The Contract Farming Sponsor shall get the Contract Farming Agreement recorded with the officer prescribed in this behalf. The Contract Farming agreement shall be in such form, containing such particulars and terms and conditions, as may be prescribed.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Contract Farming Agreement or the Indian Contract Act, 1872 or any other law for the time being in force, no title, or rights in or ownership or possession of agricultural land of the Contract Farming Producer shall be transferred, alienated or vested in the Contract Farming Sponsor or his successor or his agent.
4. Dispute arising out of any Contract Farming Agreement may be referred to a settlement authority as may be prescribed in this behalf. The settlement authority shall resolve the dispute in a summary manner within thirty days, after giving the parties a reasonable opportunity of being heard.
5. The party aggrieved by the decision of the settlement authority may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Authority as may be prescribed in this behalf, within thirty days from the date of the decision. The appellate Authority shall dispose of the appeal within thirty days, after giving the parties a reasonable opportunity of being heard and the decision of the Appellate Authority shall be final.
6. The decision of the settlement authority and the decision of the Appellate Authority in appeal shall have force of the decree of a Civil Court and shall be enforceable as such and the decretal amount shall be recovered as an arrears of land revenue.
7. Dispute relating to and arising out of a Contract Farming Agreement shall not be called in question in any court of law.
8. The agricultural produce covered under the Contract Farming Agreement may be sold to the Contract Farming Sponsor outside the market yard and in such a case, no market fee shall be leviable.

Under the Maharashtra State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Rules, 1967, provisions regarding registration of Sponsor with the District Deputy Registrar (DDR), Co-operative Society have been made compulsory, and this registration will be for one year only. The original copy of Contract Farming Agreement will have to be submitted to the DDR, Co-operative Societies and the Sponsor shall be liable to pay cost of supervision to the State Government. The Sponsor is prohibited from raising any permanent infrastructure or creating any lease hold rights or charge on the land of the farmers/producers, recovery of loans and advances given to the farmers/producers can be recovered only from the agricultural produce and in no case sale of the land will be allowed, the minimum period of agreement shall be for once crop season and maximum period shall not be more than 3 years. Along with this a model draft of the Agreement to be entered into between the sponsor and farmers/ producers has also been prescribed. Thus, through these provisions, a strong system has been set up in the State to monitor the contracts so as to avoid exploitation of the workers/ growers/farmers.